



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin



MSc in Economic Policy

Students will learn how to apply economic tools to complex policy challenges which are grounded in evidence



81st

World Ranking

(QS World University Rankings 2024)

81st



2024



8th

Most International University in the World

(Times Higher Education Ranking 2021)

1st

in Europe for producing Entrepreneurs for the 6th year in a row

(Pitchbook Universities Report 2020)



The **MSc in Economic Policy** provides students with a comprehensive grounding in the contemporary aspects of policy and organisational regulation design and implementation and will equip them with the ability to engage confidently in evidence-based policy making. It provides students with the knowledge and understanding required to thrive in policy and public affairs careers.

This is a jointly delivered programme between the Department of Economics at Trinity College Dublin and the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI). It is aimed at students who do not have a background in economics or who wish to refresh their economics knowledge through a policy/public affairs angle.

This programme will enable graduates to engage with international and national economic research with relevance for public affairs and policy formation. It will cover a range of key policy areas including, but not limited to, health, housing, climate change, banking, organisational regulation, behavioural economics, taxation, and welfare.

This degree will provide you with a unique understanding of the complex challenges of contemporary governance, providing a real-world context to the policy-making skills you will develop.

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Course description

The MSc in Economic Policy will be delivered part-time over two years. The programme will have a single intake every second year starting in September.

The course comprises 12 modules, six of which are compulsory core modules and will focus on core concepts and skills. The other six modules are focused on key policy areas and students will select three of these. Students will carry out a dissertation in their second year relating to a relevant policy area.

The course will cover: Micro Economic Policy, Macro Economic Policy, Quantitative Methods for Economics, Applied Policy Evaluation, Regulation and Banking, Behavioural Economics, Research Methods for Economics, Urban and Housing Economics, Health Economics, Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Taxation and Welfare and a Research Dissertation.

About the Economics Department and the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)

This is a jointly delivered programme between the Department of Economics at Trinity College Dublin and the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI). The Economics department is long considered the strongest economics department in Ireland and Trinity is ranked No. 1 in Ireland for 'Business and Economics' in the World University Subject Rankings in 2019.

The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) was founded in 1960 by a group of senior civil servants and other interested parties, led by Dr T.K. Whitaker, who identified the need for independent and in-depth research to support the policymaking process in Ireland. Over sixty years later, the ESRI continues to produce independent, high-quality research with the objective of informing policies that support sustainable economic growth and social progress.

What makes this course special?

This is the only masters programme in Ireland which has been specifically designed for those working in the public sector and/or policy design and evaluation who do not have a strong background in economics to allow them to better engage with international and national economic research with relevance for Irish policy formation. The combination of expertise from Trinity's Economics Department and the policy focussed research at the ESRI provides a unique programme which combines technical and evaluation expertise applied to Irish policy challenges.

For more information

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Safest Countries
in the world

(Global Peace Index 2023)



Together the Economics Department at Trinity and the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) address questions that lie at the heart of policy making and debate, both in Ireland and Europe, with expertise in areas such as macroeconomics, financial globalisation, international development, regulation, urban economics, energy economics, health economics amongst many others.